

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Horst SCHNOERER, et al. Confirmation No.: 3373  
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Title: BUDGET CONSISTENCY CHECKS FOR COMPUTERIZED FINANCIAL  
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

**Mail Stop: Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This Response is responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 28, 2007, the due date of which is December 28, 2007. Applicants have timely filed the present response.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement for at least the following reasons: